



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**HALL OF JUSTICE**

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



June 10, 2019

Deputy Brock D. Betkey, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Deputy Betkey:

## AMENDED LETTER OF IMPOSITION

On March 10, 2016, you were served with a Letter of Imposition under File Number 2358523, notifying you that you were discharged from your position of Deputy Sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with the Department, effective as of the close of business March 9, 2016.

On March 13, 2019, the discipline was reduced pursuant to a Civil Service Commission Final Decision. All Departmental records will reflect that you received a thirty (30) day suspension. The thirty (30) day suspension will be deemed served March 10, 2016 through April 8, 2016.

Pursuant to the Civil Service Commission's Final Decision, the investigation under IAB File Number 2358523 conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau, coupled with your own statements has established the following:

1. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Section 3-01/040.75, Failure to Make Statements and/or Making False Statements During Departmental Internal Investigations, on or about August 10, 2015, you knowingly gave untruthful or misleading statements during internal investigations.
2. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Section 3-01/040.75, Dishonesty/Failure to Make Statements and/or Making False Statements During Departmental Internal Investigations, on or about January 13, 2016, you knowingly gave untruthful or misleading statements during internal investigations.

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~ Since 1850 ~

Deputy Brock D. Betkey, # [REDACTED]

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The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly M. Porowski', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kelly M. Porowski, A/Captain  
Internal Affairs Bureau

Note: Attached for your convenience are excerpts of the applicable areas of the Manual of Policy and Procedures.

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DISPOSITION SHEET

Date: January 19, 2016

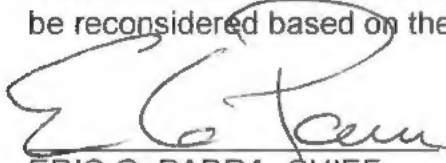
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FROM: ERIC G. PARRA, CHIEF  
CUSTODY SERVICES DIVISION  
GENERAL POPULATION

TO: DONNIE L. MAULDIN, CAPTAIN  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **BETKEY, BROCK # [REDACTED]**  
**DEPUTY SHERIFF**  
**INMATE RECEPTION CENTER**  
**CUSTODY SERVICES DIVISION**  
**GENERAL POPULATION**

Upon consideration of the facts developed in this investigation, I have determined that Subject Brock Betkey shall be **discharged from his position as deputy sheriff** for reasons set forth in the attached documentation. This decision may be reconsidered based on the employee's response.

  
ERIC G. PARRA, CHIEF

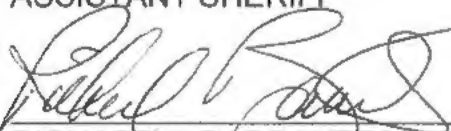
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CASE REVIEWED BY:

  
TERRI MCDONALD  
ASSISTANT SHERIFF

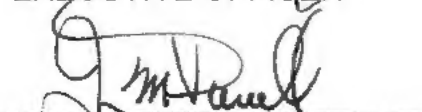
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RICHARD J. BARRANTES  
ASSISTANT SHERIFF

1-19-16  
DATE

  
NEAL B. TYLER  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1/19/16  
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JIM McDONNELL, SHERIFF

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The facts in this case **support** the following charges:

1. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards; and/or 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws Regulations and Orders (as it pertains to 3-10/100.00, Use of Force Reporting Procedures), on or about June 6, 2014, Subject Betkey failed to conform to work standards established for his position and to perform his duties in a manner which would tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department, when he witnessed reportable force used by Deputy [REDACTED] against [REDACTED] and failed to report the use of force to his immediate supervisor.
2. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/040.70, False Statements; and/or 3-01/040.75, Failure to Make Statements and/or Making False Statements During Departmental Internal Investigations, on or about August 10, 2015, Subject Betkey failed to make full, complete and truthful statements to Internal Affairs Bureau investigators when he was unable to positively identify himself when shown video recordings regarding a use of force incident that occurred on June 6, 2014 at the Inmate Reception Center.
3. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/040.69, Honesty Policy; and/or 3-01/040.70, Dishonesty/False Statements; and/or 3-01/040.75, Dishonesty/Failure To Make Statements and/or Making False Statements During Departmental Internal Investigations, on or about January 13, 2016, Subject Betkey concealed or failed to disclose material facts, observations or recollections and/or failed to make full, complete and truthful statements when he was unable to positively identify himself and/or recall any of his actions or observations when shown video recordings regarding a use of force incident that occurred on June 6, 2014 at the Inmate Reception Center.

### Summary

On June 6, 2014, Inmate [REDACTED] was escorted into the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) booking front area by Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to complete the booking and entry process. During this escort, Inmate [REDACTED] attempted to spit in the officers' direction. Two deputies, in the vicinity, stood by

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to ensure the situation did not escalate and ensured ample personnel were available in case they were needed.

Deputy [REDACTED] who was assigned to the IRC booking front area, observed that Inmate [REDACTED] was not fully cooperating with the officers. Specifically, Inmate [REDACTED] was not freely walking and was moving his body from side to side in a display of non-cooperation. Deputy [REDACTED] quickly approached the officers and Inmate [REDACTED] and grabbed Inmate [REDACTED] by his shoulders. Inmate [REDACTED] acted as though he might spit and also kicked Deputy [REDACTED] in the left shin due to their close proximity. Subject [REDACTED] reacted by using personal weapons, hitting Inmate [REDACTED] who was handcuffed at the time, in the face several times and executing a one person take down maneuver to the ground. During this action, both LAPD officers released their control holds on Inmate [REDACTED]. Immediately thereafter, several other deputies assisted Subject [REDACTED] in controlling Inmate [REDACTED] and a supervisor was summoned to respond via the radio. Two sergeants arrived on scene and directed Department members to place Inmate [REDACTED] in a safety chair. There was no further incident of force.

Deputy [REDACTED] reported his application of force and documented his actions in accordance to Department policy, as did other involved and witness Department members. The administrative investigation revealed that Subject Betkey was on-duty and in close proximity during this incident. The administrative investigation further revealed that Subject Betkey did not report that he witnessed Deputy [REDACTED] use of force. This incident, in its entirety, was captured on CCTV video surveillance footage.

On August 10, 2015, Subject Betkey was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators. During his interview, Subject Betkey stated that he understood the force reporting policy. Specifically, Subject Betkey asserted that he understood the mandate to report force witnessed to a supervisor and author a report documenting any observations. A review of CCTV video shows the use of force by Deputy [REDACTED]. Subject Betkey is seen in the vicinity taking several quick visual glances of the incident while it was occurring. He is further seen on video reenacting the force while speaking to another deputy. Supervisors, who responded to the scene, stated that Subject Betkey failed to notify them that he witnessed the force incident.

Subject Betkey admitted his name was on the in-service as an employee who was working at the time of the incident. The in-service documented that Subject Betkey was assigned to the IRC booking front area, which was in close proximity to where the force occurred. However, when questioned about the force incident, Subject Betkey repeatedly stated he did not recall any facts or details related to this incident. Even after being shown video footage of the incident, which clearly depicts him present in the immediate area and looking in the direction

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of the force incident, and reenacting the force, Subject Betkey refused to identify himself, admit he was present during the incident, or recall any facts regarding the incident.

On January 13, 2016, IAB investigators conducted a follow-up interview with Subject Betkey. This was the second opportunity afforded to Subject Betkey to review video footage. This interview allowed him to review three different recordings which incorporated enhanced CCTV footage of the incident. During that time, Subject Betkey confirmed he had no trouble seeing the video he was asked to view. During this second interview, Subject Betkey readily identified Deputy Randall Anchondo while reviewing video footage. However, Subject Betkey again was unable to positively identify himself on any of the video recordings or recall any of his actions or observations regarding this incident. Specifically, when asked about a percentage estimation regarding his certainty as to whether he was depicted on the video, Subject Betkey responded "I would say if you're asking for like a percentage maybe 50/50."

The administrative investigation revealed that several deputies and two sergeants, who were present during the incident, identified Subject Betkey without any ambiguity when they independently viewed the CCTV video footage of the incident.

### **DISCIPLINE ASSESSMENT**

The Department's "Guidelines for Discipline" lists the following analogous misconduct with associated disciplinary penalties:

Performance to Standards	W/R to Discharge
Failure to Report Witnessed Force	5 to 15 Days
False Statements	20 Days to Discharge
Failure to Make Statements and/or Making False Statements During Department Internal Investigations	25 Days to Discharge

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## **ASSESSMENT OF MITIGATING AND AGGRAVATING FACTORS**

### **Severity of Infractions:**

Subject Betkey, as a deputy sheriff employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, had a responsibility to report force he witnessed to a supervisor immediately following the incident. Department personnel are expected to know the policy and procedures of the Department and execute them appropriately. In this case, Subject Betkey failed to follow mandated and established policy regarding use of force reporting. Personnel who act in this fashion erode the public's trust and expose the Department to unnecessary civil liability.

During the administrative investigation, Subject Betkey's repeated attempt to disassociate himself from the force incident by asserting a lack of recollection notwithstanding his opportunity to view video of the incident is disconcerting. Subject Betkey's lack of integrity exhibited in this case is unacceptable and falls well below the standard of a sworn member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The reputation of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is based on the credibility and integrity of its employees. Personnel are required by Department policy to be truthful and candid during administrative investigations at all times. These traits are critical to earning the public's confidence and trust. Misconduct that calls into question an employee's honesty and/or integrity could compromise a criminal prosecution in which the employee was involved and could expose the employee to being impeached if called to testify in the criminal trial.

Subject Betkey's ability to testify in court has been compromised because he has been found to have made false statements during an internal investigation. Therefore, Subject Betkey's conduct in this case has resulted in the determination that he is no longer suitable for employment as a deputy sheriff, because the ability to testify in court is an essential job function.



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**Intent, Truthfulness and Acceptance of Responsibility:**

During the administrative investigation, the veracity of Subject Betkey's repeated assertion that he had no recollection of any facts related to the force incident, even after being shown video footage depicting the incident, indicated he was being less than truthful. Subject Betkey's lack of candor was exacerbated by the fact he refused to affirmatively identify himself in the video footage. He continued to lie even after being provided a second opportunity to tell the truth and after being shown enhanced CCTV footage.

A reasonable person under most circumstances would have recognized them self on video based on the quality of the footage that was provided for review. During this investigation, while reviewing the video footage of the force incident, several deputies and supervisors readily recognized and identified Subject Betkey.

**Degree of Culpability:**

Subject Betkey is solely responsible for his conduct.

**Past Performance and Disciplinary History:**

Subject Betkey has no previous administrative investigations.

**DETERMINATION OF DISCIPLINE**

Based on the assessment of the below listed mitigating and aggravating factors the following discipline has been determined to be appropriate:

- ☒ Discharge
- ☐ Reduction in Rank
- ☐ Removal from Bonus Position
- ☐ Suspension with loss of pay and benefits for \_\_ days.
- ☐ Written Reprimand
- ☐ No discipline



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION

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DATE 09/23/2015	No. OF SUBJECTS 2	UNIT(S) INVOLVED Inmate Reception Center	I.A.B. FILE No. IV2358523
MANUAL SECTIONS VIOLATED BY TITLE AND No. 1 3-02/035.05 Force Prevention Policy, 3-10/030.00 Unreasonable Force			
DATE, TIME, DAY OF OCCURRENCE 06/06/2014, 0347 Hours, Friday			RELATED URN FILE No. IF APPLICABLE 914-00055-2003-441
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA			

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: ☐ COMMUNITY ☒ SUPERVISION W/C REPORT No. ☐ OTHER SOURCES (SPECIFY)

SUBJECT No. 1 OF 2	LAST NAME [REDACTED]	FIRST NAME [REDACTED]	M.I. [REDACTED]	RANK OR TITLE Deputy	EMP. No. [REDACTED]
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT Inmate Reception Center		DATE ASSIGNED 02/23/2014		DIVISION OR REGION Custody Services Division, General Population	
STATUS OF SUBJECT <input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUING ON DUTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIEVED OF DUTY - REASSIGNED TO: Home <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER					
SEX Male	RACE H	HAIR Blk	EYES Haz	HEIGHT 509	WEIGHT 165
DATE OF HIRE 10/03/2013		DATE APPOINTED TO RANK 02/23/2014		INTERVIEW TAPE RECORDED ON TAPE 47184 OF 47185	
				SIDE <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B DATE 08/04/15 TIME 1116	

DATE	I.A.B. FILE No.	MANUAL SECTION(S) VIOLATED	DISCIPLINE

SUBJECT No. 2 OF 2	LAST NAME Betkey	FIRST NAME Brock	M.I. D	RANK OR TITLE Deputy	EMP. No. [REDACTED]
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT Inmate Reception Center		DATE ASSIGNED 10/11/2009		DIVISION OR REGION Custody Services Division, General Population	
STATUS OF SUBJECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTINUING ON DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> RELIEVED OF DUTY - REASSIGNED TO: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER					
SEX Male	RACE W	HAIR Bro	EYES Blu	HEIGHT 511	WEIGHT 195
DATE OF HIRE 06/01/2009		DATE APPOINTED TO RANK 10/09/2009		INTERVIEW TAPE RECORDED ON TAPE 47233 OF 47234	
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DATE	I.A.B. FILE No.	MANUAL SECTION(S) VIOLATED	DISCIPLINE

CODE: C - COMPLAINANT, W - WITNESS ADDITIONAL COMPLAINANTS, WITNESSES, OR SUBJECTS ON SUPPLEMENTAL PAGES ☒ YES ☐ NO

CODE W	No. 1 OF 15	LAST NAME Shin	FIRST NAME Matthew	M.I. Y	SEX M	RACE A	D.O.B. A
RESIDENCE ADDRESS					RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) ( )		
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT Inmate Reception Center					BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE) (213) 893-5324		
INTERVIEW TAPE RECORDED ON TAPE 46106 OF 47059					DATE 07/23/2014 TIME 1440		

CODE W	No. 2 OF 15	LAST NAME Anchondo	FIRST NAME Randell	M.I. A	SEX M	RACE H	D.O.B. A
RESIDENCE ADDRESS					RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) ( )		
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT Inmate Reception Center					BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE) (213) 893-5324		
INTERVIEW TAPE RECORDED ON TAPE 46103 OF 46948					DATE 07/10/2014 TIME 1622		

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR Watters, Dennis	RANK Sergeant	EMP. No. [REDACTED]	APPROVED 	DATE 10/6/15
ASSISTING INVESTIGATOR	RANK	EMP. No.	DATE SUBMITTED	

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NARRATIVE SHOULD BE AN OBJECTIVE AND UNBIASED STATEMENT OF THE FACTS; INVESTIGATOR OPINIONS SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED.

No. OF  
ITEMS

LIST EXHIBITS/EVIDENCE FIRST (IF STORED, STATE LOCATION - AUDIO TAPES SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELED), THEN BEGIN NARRATIVE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS FORMS. (ATTACH ONE FORM FOR EACH EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWED)

AUDIO TAPES. ALL INTERVIEWS SHALL BE TAPE RECORDED AND ALL TAPES MUST BE INCLUDED.  
(LIST EACH INTERVIEWEE BY NAME.)

NARRATIVE CAN BE CONTINUED ON SH-AD-49 CONTINUATION FORM OR PLAIN BOND.

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS					RES. PHONE (AREA CODE) ( )			
BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT <b>Lakewood Station</b>					BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE) (562) 623-3500			
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BUSINESS ADDRESS OR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT <b>Inmate Reception Center</b>					BUS. PHONE (AREA CODE) (213) 893-5324			
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Los Angeles Police Department, Southeast Division								
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## INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

### INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

IV 2358523

**SUBJECT:**

DEPUTY, # [REDACTED]

BROCK D. BETKEY,  
DEPUTY, # [REDACTED]

**DATE(S) / TIME OF INCIDENT: JUNE 6, 2014, 0347 HOURS**

**ALLEGATIONS:**

It is alleged Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] failed to follow the Recalcitrant Inmate policy and used unreasonable force on [REDACTED] booking # [REDACTED]

It is alleged Deputy Brock Betkey, # [REDACTED] failed to report he witnessed force used by Deputy [REDACTED]

**SYNOPSIS:**

Inmate [REDACTED] was escorted into the Inmate Reception Center by Los Angeles Police Department Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at 0347 hours on June 6, 2014. Inmate [REDACTED] yelled, spit, and attempted to kick and to pull away from the officers as he was escorted into the entrance corridor of Booking Front. Inmate [REDACTED] was handcuffed prior to entering the facility.

Deputy Matthew Shin and Lakewood Station Deputy Christopher Hornback stood near the Booking Front desk and saw Inmate [REDACTED] escorted into the hallway by two Los Angeles Police Department officers. They walked toward the approaching officers to assist. Deputy Hornback drew his Taser and asked what was happening. He believed the presence of additional personnel and the Taser would deescalate the situation. Inmate [REDACTED] spit at Deputy Hornback as he (Hornback) approached.

Deputy Shin believed the officers were able to control Inmate [REDACTED]. The officers did not request any assistance, but he intended to grab Inmate [REDACTED] shoulders to help control and calm him. Deputy Shin did not complete his intended course of action because Subject [REDACTED] walked past him when he was approximately five to seven feet from Inmate [REDACTED].

Subject [REDACTED] and Deputy Carlos Delgado Lopez searched two inmates across the hall from the Booking Front desk. They heard the commotion as the officers and Inmate [REDACTED] approached. Subject [REDACTED] asked Deputy Delgado Lopez to complete the

search and walked toward the approaching officers who were behind Deputies Hornback and Shin. Subject [REDACTED] saw Inmate [REDACTED] thrust his body from side to side and believed Inmate [REDACTED] attempted to escape the officer's grasp. He did not request a sergeant to respond.

Subject Betkey and Deputies Anchondo, Miller, and Morejon walked from behind the desk at Booking Front. Deputy Anchondo walked toward Inmate [REDACTED] and the officers while he broadcast a request for a sergeant to respond regarding a recalcitrant inmate. This request was broadcast just after Subject [REDACTED] contacted Inmate [REDACTED].

Inmate [REDACTED] spit in the direction of Officer [REDACTED] and Deputy Hornback as Subject [REDACTED] approached. Subject [REDACTED] walked past Deputy Shin and grabbed Inmate [REDACTED] by the shoulders. Inmate [REDACTED] immediately kicked Subject [REDACTED] in the left shin, and Subject [REDACTED] punched Inmate [REDACTED] in the face to deter further attack. Subject [REDACTED] punched Inmate [REDACTED] in the face a second time to prevent Inmate [REDACTED] from spitting on him. Subject [REDACTED] grabbed Inmate [REDACTED] by the shoulders and swung him to the ground, face down.

Subject [REDACTED] and Deputies Shin and Delgado Lopez held Inmate [REDACTED] on the ground as he attempted to spit, kick and rise from the ground. Inmate [REDACTED] was wearing a hospital gown, which was open to the rear, and told the deputies, in Spanish, he intended to defecate on them. He clinched his buttocks as he attempted to follow through on the threat. A spit mask was placed on Inmate [REDACTED] and he was placed into a safety chair for transport to the Clinic after the arrival of Sergeants Crooks and Nobles.

**IAB Note: The force investigation was completed by Sergeant Nobles at Inmate Reception Center. A copy of the force package is attached as [EXHIBIT C].**

The case was referred to the Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau to conduct an investigation regarding unreasonable and unnecessary force used by Subject [REDACTED] against Inmate [REDACTED]. Sergeant [REDACTED] was assigned to investigate on June 19, 2014. See completed criminal investigation attached as [EXHIBIT A]. The case was submitted to the Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for filing consideration. The case was rejected on February 4, 2015, under District Attorney's case #35601772. See [EXHIBIT A, PAGE 14B], for a copy of the rejection.

**IAB Note: Sergeant [REDACTED] provided IAB investigators with the following items which were not part of the formal investigative casebook. These items are attached as [EXHIBIT B].**

- Inmate Assault Load Sheet and Safety Chair Log

- Los Angeles Police Department arrest report regarding the arrest of Inmate [REDACTED]
- Training Bureau analysis of the force incident

## **INVESTIGATION:**

*Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed the below personnel and witnesses. Following is a summary of their interviews. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions*

**Subject [REDACTED]**

Subject [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Jeff Hamil on August 4, 2015. Attorney Amanda Waters from Green and Shinee attended the interview representing Subject [REDACTED]. Subject [REDACTED] has been a deputy for the Sheriff's Department since 2013 and is currently assigned to Inmate Reception Center.

Subject [REDACTED] was assigned to [REDACTED]. He and Deputy Delgado Lopez were searching two inmates brought to IRC by Lakewood Station Deputy Hornback, when he heard whistling noises and yelling in the entrance corridor. Subject [REDACTED] saw Inmate [REDACTED] struggling with Los Angeles Police Department Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Inmate [REDACTED] thrust his body from side to side and was not moving forward smoothly. Subject [REDACTED] was aware Inmate [REDACTED] was likely handcuffed.

Subject [REDACTED] saw Deputy Hornback remove his Taser and walk toward the struggle. He told Deputy Delgado Lopez he was going to assist and walked toward Inmate [REDACTED]. Inmate [REDACTED] kicked at the officers and continued to thrust his body from side to side in an attempt to escape the officer's grasp.

As Subject [REDACTED] approached, Officer [REDACTED] told him the inmate tried to spit on him, and then Inmate [REDACTED] did spit toward Officer [REDACTED]. The main body of the spit missed Officer [REDACTED] but the spray struck him in the left shoulder. Officer [REDACTED] moved his head to the left and tried to gain some distance from the inmate.

Subject [REDACTED] grabbed Inmate [REDACTED] shoulders and intended to hold him against the wall to control him until other deputies arrived. Subject [REDACTED] did not request a supervisor, or formulate a plan with other deputies, prior to initiating contact with Inmate [REDACTED]. He heard radio traffic but did not recall when the broadcast was made. After viewing the surveillance video he noted he made contact with Inmate [REDACTED] prior to the broadcast. Subject [REDACTED] believed the Los Angeles Police Department officers required immediate assistance due to the assaultive behavior of Inmate [REDACTED].

Inmate [REDACTED] immediately kicked Subject [REDACTED] in his left shin when he grabbed Inmate [REDACTED] shoulders. Subject [REDACTED] punched Inmate [REDACTED] once in the face to deter further attack. Inmate [REDACTED] appeared to have gathered spit in his mouth and moved



his face in the direction of Subject [REDACTED] immediately after the punch. Subject [REDACTED] punched him again to prevent Inmate [REDACTED] from spitting on him. After the second punch, Subject [REDACTED] grabbed Inmate [REDACTED] by the shoulders and swung him to the ground, face down.

Subject [REDACTED] held Inmate [REDACTED] head to prevent him from spitting, while he and Deputies Shin and Delgado Lopez held Inmate [REDACTED] on the ground. Inmate [REDACTED] continued to struggle, kicking his legs and attempting to rise from the ground. Inmate [REDACTED] told the deputies he intended to defecate on them in Spanish. He wore a hospital gown that was open to the rear, and clinched his exposed buttocks as he attempted to follow through on the threat.

A spit mask was placed on Inmate [REDACTED] and he was placed into a safety chair for transport to the clinic. Subject [REDACTED] withdrew from any further involvement after Inmate [REDACTED] was secured in the safety chair.

Subject [REDACTED] did not see any punches, kicks, or strikes delivered to Inmate [REDACTED] after the two punches he delivered prior to the takedown.

**IAB Note: A map of Inmate Reception Center and an in-service sheet for the Early Morning Shift on June 6, 2014 were made available to Sheriff's Department personnel during their interviews. See [EXHIBIT D].**

### **Subject Brock Betkey**

Subject Brock Betkey was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Dennis Watters and Jeff Hamil on August 10, 2015. Attorney Amanda Waters from Green and Shinee attended the interview representing Subject Betkey. Subject Betkey has been a deputy for the Sheriff's Department since 2009 and is currently assigned to Inmate Reception Center.

Subject Betkey did not remember any incident which occurred on June 6, 2014, or any incident involving Inmate [REDACTED]. He did not author any supplementary report and did not recall any conversations with a sergeant or other Department personnel regarding an incident which occurred on that date.

Subject Betkey confirmed he was assigned to Booking Front per the in-service dated June 6, 2014. He identified a person he felt might be Deputy Anchondo in the surveillance video based on his build, but he was not certain. He was not able to identify himself or any other person on the video.

Subject Betkey acknowledged he understood his duty to report any use of force he witnessed to a supervisor.

## **Deputy Mathew Shin**

Deputy Matthew Shin authored a supplemental report regarding this incident, see [EXHIBIT A, PAGE 47].

Deputy Shin was interviewed by ICIB Sergeants [REDACTED] and Raymond Moeller on July 23, 2014. The interview was summarized by Sergeant [REDACTED] see [EXHIBIT A, PAGES 8-9].

Deputy Shin was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters on July 23, 2015. The statements to ICIB and IAB were combined in the following summary.

Deputy Shin was near the booking front desk when he saw Inmate [REDACTED] escorted into the facility by Los Angeles Police Department Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Inmate [REDACTED] spit at the officers and attempted to pull away from their grasp. Deputy Shin told Lead Deputy Miller he was going to assist the officers and followed Lakewood Station Deputy Hornback, who removed his Taser from his holster and walked toward Inmate [REDACTED]. Deputy Hornback asked "What's going on here?" as he approached Inmate [REDACTED].

Inmate [REDACTED] spit at Officer [REDACTED] as Deputy Shin approached. Officer [REDACTED] forced Inmate [REDACTED] to his right, against the wall. Deputy Shin intended to assist the officers by grabbing Inmate [REDACTED] shoulders to control and calm him. He believed the officers were able to control Inmate [REDACTED] but felt going to assist was the right thing to do. Deputy Shin was approximately five to seven feet away from Inmate [REDACTED] when Subject [REDACTED] walked past him. Deputy Shin did not hear any communication between Subject [REDACTED] and the Los Angeles Police Department officers. He also did not hear any commands given to Inmate [REDACTED].

Subject [REDACTED] attempted to grab Inmate [REDACTED] by his shoulders. Inmate [REDACTED] kicked Subject [REDACTED] in the left leg as he reached for the inmate's shoulders. Deputy Shin felt Subject [REDACTED] was angered by this kick based on his facial expression. Subject [REDACTED] punched Inmate [REDACTED] twice in the face and forced him to the ground.

Inmate [REDACTED] continued to struggle after he was on the ground. Deputy Shin placed his knee on Inmate [REDACTED] back to prevent him from moving. Deputy Shin did not hear a radio broadcast but believed someone at Booking Front made a broadcast because deputies and sergeants arrived shortly after Inmate [REDACTED] was taken to the ground. Deputies restrained Inmate [REDACTED] on the ground until he was placed into a safety chair.

Deputy Shin did not see any deputies punch or kick Inmate [REDACTED] after the two punches by Subject [REDACTED].

## **Deputy Randell Anchondo**

Deputy Randell Anchondo authored a supplemental report regarding this incident, see [EXHIBIT A, PAGE 48].

Deputy Anchondo was interviewed by ICIB Sergeants [REDACTED] and Moeller on July 10, 2014. The interview was summarized by Sergeant [REDACTED] see [EXHIBIT A, PAGES 6-7].

Deputy Anchondo was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Watters and Hamil on July 14, 2015. The statements to ICIB and IAB were combined in the following summary.

Deputy Anchondo was behind the Booking Front desk when he saw Subject [REDACTED] and Deputy Hornback walk toward the entrance to the facility. He walked around the desk and saw Inmate [REDACTED] escorted into the facility by two Los Angeles Police Department officers.

Subject [REDACTED] was approximately ten yards in front of Deputy Anchondo. Deputy Hornback had his hand on his Taser. Inmate [REDACTED] yelled, spit, and attempted to break free from the officers' grasp. The officers had difficulty maintaining control of Inmate [REDACTED] and pushed him against the wall as Subject [REDACTED] approached. Deputy Anchondo did not hear Subject [REDACTED] communicate with the officers or give any commands to Inmate [REDACTED].

Deputy Anchondo radioed a request for a sergeant to respond regarding a recalcitrant inmate as Subject [REDACTED] contacted the inmate. Inmate [REDACTED] was assaultive/high risk, and Deputy Anchondo planned to see what assistance he could provide the officers after he completed his broadcast. He did not know if the officers were able to control Inmate [REDACTED] but felt he would have helped them if he had arrived first.

Inmate [REDACTED] kicked Subject [REDACTED] in the lower body or leg as he approached. Deputy Anchondo heard Inmate [REDACTED] spit nearly simultaneous to the kick but was not able to see if the spit made contact. Subject [REDACTED] punched Inmate [REDACTED] twice in the head or shoulder area, and pulled him to the ground on his stomach. The punches and take down occurred within approximately one to two seconds.

Inmate [REDACTED] continued to struggle after he was on the ground. Deputy Anchondo grabbed Inmate [REDACTED] legs and used his body weight to hold him down. Inmate [REDACTED] was held on the ground until he was placed into the safety chair.

Deputy Anchondo did not see any deputies punch or kick Inmate [REDACTED] after the two punches by Subject [REDACTED].

## **Deputy Christopher Hornback**

Deputy Christopher Hornback authored a supplemental report regarding this incident, see [EXHIBIT A, PAGE 53].

**IAB Note:** Deputy Hornback emailed the narrative of his supplemental report to Sergeant Maria Nobles, who placed the content into a supplemental report. See [EXHIBIT A, PAGES 49-52].

Deputy Hornback was interviewed by ICIB Sergeants [REDACTED] and Quintero on August 22, 2014. The interview was summarized by Sergeant [REDACTED] see [EXHIBIT A, PAGES 7-8].

Deputy Hornback was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Watters and Hamil on July 27, 2015. The statements to ICIB and IAB were combined in the following summary.

Deputy Hornback transported two inmates to the Inmate Reception Center. He was in the Booking Front area when he saw Inmate [REDACTED] escorted into the facility by two Los Angeles Police Department officers. Inmate [REDACTED] spit at the officers and attempted to turn and kick the officers. Deputy Hornback felt the officers had Inmate [REDACTED] under control, but drew his Taser and walked toward them due to the inmate's assaultive behavior. He believed the situation may deescalate when Inmate [REDACTED] realized other personnel were aware of his behavior.

Inmate [REDACTED] spit at Deputy Hornback from approximately fifteen feet away. Deputy Hornback was not struck by the spit. The Los Angeles Police Department officer pushed Inmate [REDACTED] to his right and held him against the wall. A deputy approached and Inmate [REDACTED] spit at the deputy and attempted to kick him. Deputy Hornback did not know if the kick struck the deputy. The deputy punched Inmate [REDACTED] in the face one time and took him to the ground.

Deputy Hornback did not witness any further kicks or punches by the deputies after Inmate [REDACTED] was taken to the ground. A sergeant arrived and directed a spit mask be placed on Inmate [REDACTED]. Inmate [REDACTED] was placed in a safety chair and removed from the area.

## **Deputy Carlos Delgado Lopez**

Deputy Carlos Delgado Lopez authored a complaint report regarding this incident. See [EXHIBIT A, PAGES 17-21].

Deputy Delgado-Lopez was interviewed by ICIB Sergeants [REDACTED] and Moeller on July 10, 2014. The interview was summarized by Sergeant [REDACTED] see [EXHIBIT A, PAGES 5-6].

Deputy Delgado Lopez was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Watters and Hamil on July 14, 2015. The statements to ICIB and IAB were combined in the following summary.

Deputy Delgado Lopez searched inmates with Subject [REDACTED] when he heard Inmate [REDACTED] whistling loudly and gathering phlegm in his throat in the entrance corridor. Deputy Delgado Lopez had nearly completed his search of the inmate. The inmates being searched were cooperative.

Deputy Delgado Lopez looked around the slider door and nearby refrigerator, which were blocking his view, and saw two Los Angeles Police Department officers escorting Inmate [REDACTED] into the facility. Inmate [REDACTED] moved from side to side and it appeared the officers needed assistance to control him. Subject [REDACTED] asked Deputy Delgado Lopez to complete the search of the inmates and went to assist the officers. Deputy Delgado Lopez returned to his search.

Deputy Delgado Lopez heard the sound of phlegm being gathered and looked toward the approaching officers and inmate. He saw Inmate [REDACTED] spit at Officer [REDACTED] as Subject [REDACTED] approached. Deputy Delgado Lopez returned his attention the inmates he searched.

Deputy Delgado Lopez heard a struggle and stepped backward to reacquire his view of the officers. Subject [REDACTED] was holding Inmate [REDACTED] by the neck or upper body and told him to stop fighting or stop resisting. Subject [REDACTED] pulled Inmate [REDACTED] to the ground. Deputy Delgado Lopez heard a radio transmission regarding the incident while Subject [REDACTED] was engaged with Inmate [REDACTED]. Deputy Delgado Lopez did not hear any communication between Subject [REDACTED] and the Los Angeles Police Department officers.

Inmate [REDACTED] continued to struggle after he was on the ground. Subject [REDACTED] held him on the ground with the assistance of Deputies Shin and Anchondo. Deputy Delgado Lopez went to assist and restrained Inmate [REDACTED] leg. Inmate [REDACTED] said he wanted to defecate on the deputies in Spanish and moved in a manner which suggested he attempted to follow through on the threat. He was held on the ground until he was placed in the safety chair.

Deputy Delgado Lopez did not see any deputies punch or kick Inmate [REDACTED].

Deputy Delgado Lopez identified Subject Betkey on the surveillance video. See [EXHIBIT F].

#### **Deputy Christopher Conger**

Deputy Christopher Conger authored a supplemental report regarding this incident see [EXHIBIT C, PAGE 28].

Deputy Conger was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters on July 12, 2015. Deputy Conger was in the Inmate Reception Center Clinic when he heard a radio broadcast regarding an incident at Booking Front. Deputy Conger responded to Booking Front and saw Deputies [REDACTED] Anchondo, and Shin holding Inmate [REDACTED] face down on the ground. Inmate [REDACTED] was flailing his legs, and Deputy Conger held his legs to prevent him from kicking. Inmate [REDACTED] was held on the ground until he was placed into a safety chair.

Deputy Conger did not see anyone punch or kick Inmate [REDACTED].

Deputy Conger identified Subject Betkey on the surveillance video. See [EXHIBIT F].

#### **Deputy Jordan Miller**

Deputy Jordan Miller authored a supplemental report regarding this incident, see [EXHIBIT D, PAGE 29].

Deputy Miller was contacted by IAB Sergeant Watters on July 17, 2015. Deputy Miller was no longer employed by the Sheriff's Department at the time of this contact. He was provided with a copy of his supplemental report via email at his request. Deputy Miller declined to be interviewed via email on July 20, 2015, see [EXHIBIT E].

Deputy Miller was behind the desk at Booking Front when Inmate [REDACTED] entered the facility. See photograph labeled [EXHIBIT F] for identification.

#### **Deputy John Rangel**

Deputy John Rangel authored a supplemental report regarding this incident, see [EXHIBIT D, PAGE 30].

Deputy Rangel was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters on July 13, 2015. Deputy Rangel was in the Inmate Reception Center Clinic when he heard a radio broadcast regarding an incident at Booking Front. He responded to Booking Front and saw deputies restraining an inmate who was face down on the floor. Deputy Rangel said his report indicated he helped to place Inmate [REDACTED] into the safety chair, but he did not remember this action.

Deputy Rangel did not see anyone punch or kick Inmate [REDACTED].

Deputy Rangel identified Subject Betkey on the surveillance video. See [EXHIBIT F].

#### **Deputy Kevin Mort**

Deputy Kevin Mort authored a supplemental report regarding this incident, see [EXHIBIT D, PAGE 31].

Deputy Mort was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters on July 12, 2015. Deputy Mort was in the Inmate Reception Center Clinic when he heard a radio broadcast which requested a sergeant respond to Booking Front regarding a recalcitrant inmate. Deputy Mort responded to Booking Front and saw Inmate [REDACTED] on the floor with deputies holding him down. The deputies did not require his immediate assistance, but he remained in the area. Deputy Mort took over a position holding Inmate [REDACTED] leg from another deputy and assisted with the placement of Inmate [REDACTED] into a safety chair.

Deputy Mort did not see anyone punch or kick Inmate [REDACTED]

#### **Deputy Andrew Garcia**

Deputy Andrew Garcia authored a supplemental report regarding this incident, see [EXHIBIT D, PAGE 32].

Deputy Garcia was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters on July 14, 2015. Deputy Garcia was in the Inmate Reception Center Clinic when he heard a radio broadcast regarding a recalcitrant inmate at Booking Front. Deputy Garcia responded to Booking Front and saw Inmate [REDACTED] restrained face down on the floor. Deputy Garcia assisted with the placement of Inmate [REDACTED] into the safety chair.

Deputy Garcia did not see anyone punch or kick Inmate [REDACTED]

#### **Deputy Ryan Morejon**

Deputy Ryan Morejon was contacted by IAB Sergeant Watters on July 17, 2015. He was no longer employed by the Sheriff's Department at the time of this contact. He declined to submit to an interview, but indicated he would consult with his attorney. Sergeant Watters was notified Deputy Morejon would not submit to an interview by Vanity at the Law Office of Green and Shinee on July 21, 2015.

Deputy Morejon was behind the desk at Booking Front when Inmate [REDACTED] entered the facility. See photograph labeled [EXHIBIT F] for identification.

#### **Sergeant Maria Nobles**

Sergeant Maria Nobles was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Watters and Hamil on September 2, 2015. Sergeant Nobles heard radio traffic broadcast by Deputy Anchondo regarding a recalcitrant inmate. She responded to the Booking Front entrance corridor and saw deputies holding Inmate [REDACTED] on the ground while he attempted to kick and spit. Deputy [REDACTED] held one of Inmate [REDACTED] arms, and Deputy Delgado Lopez held his legs. She did not see any personnel strike, punch, or kick Inmate [REDACTED]



Sergeant Nobles ordered the deputies to place Inmate [REDACTED] into a safety chair so he could be moved to the clinic without the use of additional force. Deputy Shin also placed a spit mask on Inmate [REDACTED] to prevent him from spitting on personnel.

Sergeant Nobles identified Subject Betkey on the surveillance video. See [EXHIBIT F]. Subject Betkey did not report witnessing any force to Sergeant Nobles.

### **Sergeant Ta'hitia Crooks**

Sergeant Ta'hitia Crooks was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters on September 17, 2015. Sergeant Crooks heard radio traffic regarding a recalcitrant inmate and responded to Booking Front with Sergeant Nobles. She saw Subject [REDACTED] and another male deputy restraining Inmate [REDACTED] face down on the ground. She did not remember the precise positions of the deputies but said Inmate [REDACTED] was compliant. A spit mask was placed on Inmate [REDACTED] and he was placed into a safety chair. Sergeant Crooks did not remember who gave the order to utilize the safety chair.

Sergeant Crooks did not see any personnel punch, kick, or strike Inmate [REDACTED].

Sergeant Crooks confirmed Sergeant Nobles handled the use of force investigation. She did not remember Subject Betkey being present, however she identified him on the video. See [EXHIBIT F]. Subject Betkey did not report witnessing the force to Sergeant Crooks.

### **Los Angeles Police Department Officer [REDACTED]**

Officer [REDACTED] authored an email to Sergeant Nobles regarding this incident. See [EXHIBIT A, PAGE 24]. Officer [REDACTED] confirmed the accuracy of his email to Sergeant Nobles and declined an interview by ICIB Sergeant [REDACTED] via email on August 1, 2014, see [EXHIBIT A, PAGES 54-56].

Officer [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Watters via telephone on August 24, 2015. Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] transported Inmate [REDACTED] from the hospital to the Inmate Reception Center. Inmate [REDACTED] was uncooperative and made random, nonsensical statements.

Inmate [REDACTED] became more uncooperative as he was escorted into the hallway. He pulled against Officer [REDACTED] grasp by moving his upper body, and shuffled his feet as if he did not want to walk. Officer [REDACTED] was able to maintain control of Inmate [REDACTED] but he felt he would require assistance from the deputies to transfer custody of Inmate [REDACTED] due to his behavior. Officer [REDACTED] did not request the assistance of the deputies.

As the deputies approached, Inmate [REDACTED] spit in the direction of both Officer [REDACTED] and a deputy. Officer [REDACTED] pushed Inmate [REDACTED] to his right, toward the wall, as the first deputy approached to assist. Inmate [REDACTED] kicked at the approaching deputy with

his left foot. Officer [REDACTED] did not know if the kick made contact with the deputy. Officer [REDACTED] was also not certain if Inmate [REDACTED] spit again. The deputy delivered one or two distraction strikes to Inmate [REDACTED] face. The deputies took Inmate [REDACTED] to the ground and held him there with body weight until he was placed into a safety chair. Officer [REDACTED] did not see any further punches, kicks, or strikes after Inmate [REDACTED] was on the ground.

#### **Los Angeles Police Department Officer [REDACTED]**

Officer [REDACTED] authored an email to Sergeant Nobles regarding this incident, see [EXHIBIT A, PAGE 25].

Officer [REDACTED] was interviewed by ICIB Sergeant [REDACTED] via telephone on August 6, 2014. Sergeant [REDACTED] summarized this interview in a supplementary report, see [EXHIBIT A, PAGE 10].

Officer [REDACTED] was interview by IAB Sergeant Watters via telephone on July 17, 2015. Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] escorted Inmate [REDACTED] into the facility. Inmate [REDACTED] did not want to enter the facility and dragged his feet to slow their progress. He tried to kick and spit on Officer [REDACTED].

Officer [REDACTED] pushed Inmate [REDACTED] against the wall when Inmate [REDACTED] attempted to spit on him. A deputy arrived as this occurred and Inmate [REDACTED] attempted to kick the deputy, and gathered phlegm in his throat. The deputy punched Inmate [REDACTED] once or twice and took him to the ground. Officer [REDACTED] was not able to clearly see what occurred because her view was obstructed by Officer [REDACTED] and Inmate [REDACTED].

Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did not request assistance from the deputies. She felt they had Inmate [REDACTED] under control but was not certain if that control would have been maintained without the intervention by the deputy. She did not remember any verbal commands given by the deputy.

Officer [REDACTED] did not see any deputies punch or kick Inmate [REDACTED] after the punches by the first deputy.

#### **Inmate [REDACTED]**

Inmate [REDACTED] was interviewed regarding the use of force by Inmate Reception Center Lieutenant Byron Woods and Sergeants Maria Nobles and Aloysius Bennett on June 6, 2014. This interview was conducted on video and was terminated due to the incoherent state of Inmate [REDACTED]. See video on DVD contained within [EXHIBIT A]. The interview was transcribed during the Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau investigation, see [EXHIBIT A, PAGES 26-27].

Inmate [REDACTED] was interviewed a second time by Lieutenant [REDACTED] and Sergeant Bennett on June 6, 2014. This interview was conducted on video. See video

on DVD contained within **[EXHIBIT A]**. This interview was transcribed during the Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau investigation, see **[EXHIBIT A, PAGES 28-46]**.

Inmate [REDACTED] was unable to give a clear account of the event. He alleged he was punched and stomped with a boot but was unclear if these actions occurred inside the Inmate Reception Center or prior to his arrival.

Inmate [REDACTED] said he saw a psychiatrist daily and used crystal methamphetamine regularly. At one point in the interview he claimed to be a K-9 police dog.